PM announces launch of National Digital Health Mission

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the launch of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM).

NDHM, which comes under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), is expected to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of health services in the country.

"A massive campaign is going to start in the health sector from today and technology will also play a major role in it.

The National Digital Health Mission is also being launched and it will bring a new revolution in India's Health Sector. Technology will be used prudently to reduce the challenges in treatment.

Every Indian will be given a Health ID. This Health ID will work like a Health Account of every Indian. This account will contain your details of every test, every disease, the doctors you visited, the medicines you took and the diagnosis. When and what was the report, all such information will be incorporated in the Health ID.

The National Digital Health Mission will eliminate all these difficulties related to appointment with a doctor, depositing money, making a slip in the hospital, etc. We are devising a system which will help each and every citizen to make a better and informed decision", said Modi while addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 74th Independence Day.

Post this announcement, Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, AB PM-JAY & National Health Authority, Govt of India said, "With its suite of digital products- HealthID, DigiDoctor, Health Facility Registry, Personal Health Records, e-Pharmacy & Telemedicine - NDHM will support timely access to safe affordable healthcare for all citizens & accelerate India's progress towards Universal Health Coverage."

In July 2019, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare had released the National Digital Health Blueprint (NDHB), with the vision to create a National Digital Health Eco-system in India.

It is indeed the right time to boost the healthcare scenario in the country which is currently under tremendous pressure due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

"There is a curiosity among everybody when the Corona vaccine will be ready. This is natural. This anxiety is there in everybody and everywhere in the world. Our scientists are dutifully engaged in the laboratories. They are putting in great

efforts. At present, testing for three vaccines is in different stages in the country. Once we get a green signal from our scientists, we will launch massive production of the vaccine. We have made all the preparations. We have drawn an outline to ramp up the production of the vaccines and to make it available to each and every person in the shortest possible time", added Modi.